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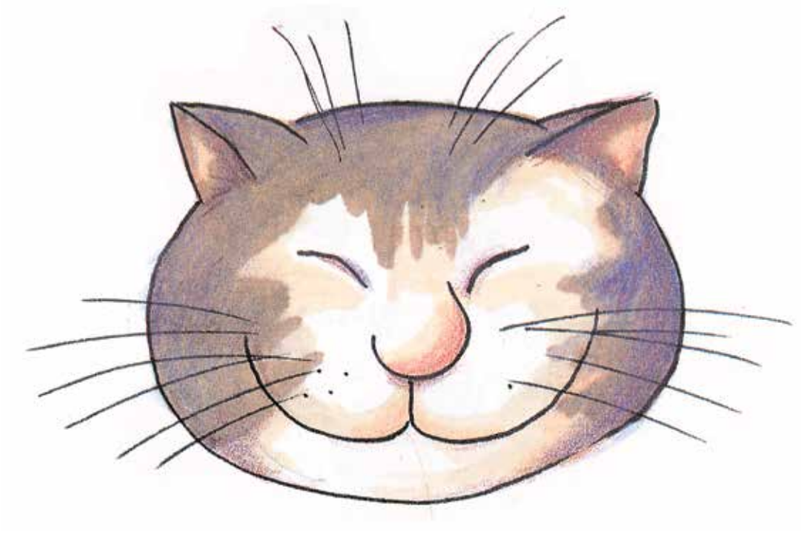
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Sophie and Nick sit on the step outside their house feeling sad....





Everyone is sad when they hear the news....



Fred used to sleep *all* the time.



He also liked eating....



...and purring and sitting on laps...



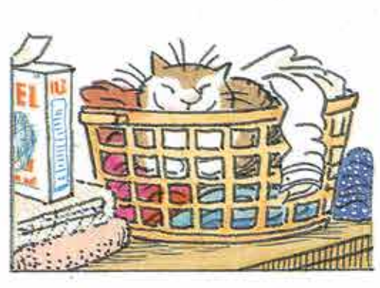
...but, most of all, he liked sleeping....



...on the ironing board...



...on the washing...



...on top of the fridge.....



....in patches of sunlight....



...and, especially, on beds.



Now Fred is buried at the end of the garden, underneath the buddleia....



Nearby are the graves of a guinea pig and a beetle, which Sophie marked with stones....



